

Home Circle

At Last

When on my day of life the night is falling,
 And, in the winds from unsunned spaces blown,
 I hear far voices out of darkness calling
 My feet to paths unknown,
 Thou who hast made my home of life so pleasant,
 Leave not its tenant when its walls decay;
 O Love divine, O Helper ever present,
 Be Thou my strength and stay!
 Be near me when all else is from me drifting;
 Earth, sky, home's pictures, days of shade and
 shine,
 And kindly faces to my own uplifting
 The love which answers mine.
 I have but Thee, O Father! Let Thy Spirit
 Be with me then to comfort and uphold;
 No gate of pearl, no branch of palm I merit,
 Nor street of shining gold.
 Suffice it if, my good and ill unreckoned,
 And both forgiven thru Thy abounding grace,
 I find myself by hands familiar beckoned
 Unto my fitting place.
 Some humble door among Thy many mansions,
 Some sheltering shade where sin and striving
 cease,
 And flows forever thru heaven's green expansions
 The river of Thy peace.
 There, from the music round me stealing,
 I fain would learn the new and holy song,
 And find at last, beneath Thy trees of healing,
 The life for which I long.

—John Greenleaf Whittier.

What a Girl Should Know

Young People.

In these days of higher education for girls some very simple and useful accomplishments are apt to be forgotten. They are accomplishments that one need not attend college to learn, and yet they are valuable and as essential as anything taught in the most advanced seminary or college. Without them no girl's education is complete. Here is a list of things that every girl in the land should know, regardless of her occupation or position in life.

She should know that one hundred cents make a dollar.

She should know how to arrange the parlor and every other room in the house.

She should know how to say "No," and mean it, or "Yes," and stick to it.

She should know how to sew on buttons, darn stockings, and mend gloves.

She should know how to cook and serve a good, wholesome dinner.

She should know how to dress for health and comfort as well as for appearance.

She should know that tight lacing is not only uncomely, but that it is injurious to health.

She should know that music, drawing, and painting are real accomplishments in the home, and are not to be neglected if there be time and money for their use.

She should know how to live up to the old rule, "A place for everything, and everything in its place."

She should know that it is best for her not to have anything to do with dissolute or intemperate young men.

She should know that the more she lives

within her income the more she will save and the farther she will get away from the poor-house.

She should know that it is best to regard habits and morals and not money in choosing her associates.

She should know how to dress within her income and to wear a calico dress like a queen.

She should know how to embrace every opportunity for reading, and how to select such books as will give her the most useful and practical information in order to make the best progress in earlier as well as later home and school life.

A girl who combines all this information with her regular school education will be well equipped for almost any position in life. Her spiritual development should keep pace with her mental development, or life will be a failure under any condition.

Perfectly at Home

Christ Returneth.

We often say, "There is no place like home," and yet, after all, even the best of homes on earth are so transitory; sooner or later they are all broken up. In nearly every one of them there is a skeleton in the closet, a shadow, or sorrow, a vacant chair, a broken heart, a faded joy, an unfulfilled hope; there is always some lack to its being a perfect home.

And yet our precious Creator in fashioning our souls has framed us to love home, and to want a home, and to feel at home. This handiwork of the Creator in our nature is not in vain; we are built for a home, and a home is built for us.

The home and the habitant are made for each other, to fit into each other, as a bone in its socket.

But this home structure in our souls is designed for something far beyond our present state of being. And when Jesus comes and gathers us to Himself, for the first time since we began to exist we shall feel thru every fibre of our being perfectly at home.

Guiding a Child is a Great Responsibility

Elizabeth R. Scovill.

Aside from the Divine command, the first and paramount reason for obedience in children is that it is necessary to their safety. The strongest instinct of Nature is the preservation of the race. The young are placed in families, under the care of parents, that they may have a better chance of obtaining maturity. Constant dangers surround them, which experience has taught their elders to avoid. This knowledge cannot be used for their good if they refuse to obey the limitations which it imposes. The habit of prompt obedience in little things makes it easy to yield the will when greater questions arise to be decided.

It is not from an arbitrary wish to have their own way, or to keep their child in slavish subjection to their own whims or predilections, that wise parents insist upon obedience. It is because—if they are worthy

to be parents—they know better what is for the best good of their child than his youth and inexperience permit him to know himself, and so can guide him for his highest welfare. It is an overwhelming responsibility, but it is one that is inherent in the very nature of the relationship which exists between the parent and the child in every phase and department of life.

How to Help

To have willing feet,
 A smile that is sweet,
 A kind, pleasant word
 For all that you meet—
 That's what it is to be helpful.
 In a mild, gentle way,
 To help thru the day
 To make some one happy
 In work or in play—
 That's what it is to be helpful.—Ex.

A Drop of Ink

Selected.

"I don't see why you won't let me play with Robert Scott," pouted Walter Brown. "I know he does not always mind his mother, and smokes cigars, and sometimes swears. But I have been brought up better than that. He won't hurt me, and I should think you would trust me. Perhaps I can do him good."

"Walter," said his mother, "take this glass of pure water, and put just one drop of ink into it."

He did so.

"O mother, would you have thought one drop would blacken a whole glass so?"

"Yes, it has changed the color of the whole, has it not? It is a shame to do that. Just put one drop of clear water in it, and restore its purity," said his mother.

"Why, mother you are laughing at me. One drop, nor a dozen, nor fifty, won't do that."

"No, my son; and therefore I cannot allow one drop of Robert Scott's evil nature to mingle with your careful training, many drops of which will make no impression on him."

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